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For: CONTENT ADDRESSABLE MEMORY (CAM) DEVICES WITH BLOCK

SELECT AND PIPELINED VIRTUAL SECTOR LOOK-UP CONTROL AND

METHODS OF OPERATING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application.